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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/4/11.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6-10,12,14-18 and 20-26 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6-10,12,14-18 and 20-26 is/are rejected.

- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's response filed 4/04/11.

As indicated in Applicant's response, claims 1, 10, 18, 24 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-10, 12, 14-18, 20-26 are pending in the office action.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1, 10, 18 are objected to because of the following informalities: the term recited as 'deriving' is not construed as having proper teaching that substantially support a accepted (lexicographic) meaning of the concept of or the verb to 'derive' (nowhere is shown how DOM tree elements are used to help derive anything); whereas the "API" --being derived from the claim language -- is not provided with proper Disclosure as to cause this 'API' concept to be accepted according to well-known lexicographic standards (nowhere is the Specifications show how DOM-based inputs serve to derive a API – an application program interface), since this "API" as disclosed amounts to metadata ensemble with inclusion of a declarative type of extensible markup language (see pg. 30-34). Broad interpretation of 'deriving' and of "API" will be applied. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12, 14-18, 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kadel et al, USPubN: 2002/0184401 (hereinafter Kadel), in view of Severin,

USPubN: 2005/0005251 (hereinafter Severin) further in view of Worden, USPubN:
2003/0149934 (herein Worden)

As per claim 1, Kadel discloses a computer-readable storage device storing a computer program product for deriving a metadata API from a metamodel in order to develop an application, the computer program product being operable to cause data processing apparatus to:

receive the metamodel in a first language, the metamodel describing a diagram of classes that define the one or more development objects (e.g. *re-representing ... XML streams, Java software objects* - para 0078, pg. 5; para 0320 pg. 27), the development objects representing building blocks (e.g. Fig. 11; Container 360, Methods 360 - Fig. 3A-3B) for developing the application (e.g. Fig. 3B; para 0117-0129, pg. 8-9 – Note: XIS framework – see Fig. 3A – implementing source/consumer components and/or meta-relationships expressed within the XIS/DSI mediator paradigm for exposing domain properties and underlying method – para 0189-0191 – and/or relationships describing the bean/domain related diagram representation of model diagram or Person entity – see: *chart diagram, graphical mode* - para 0094, pg. 6; Domains, policies, relationships - para 0096-0097, pg. 7; source 1315, 1325, Fig. 13-- represented in information blocks or sequence diagrams, – see para 0088; para 0109; Fig. 13; UML - see Fig. 8, 11; para 0188 pg. 4 - **reads on** first metamodel in first language, the first language, for example, as unified modeling language as linked building blocks for developing application -- Fig. 8, 11, 13, 36C-D);

generate intermediate representation of the metamodel by parsing the model description (e.g. type and metadata information, attributes, relationship structure – para 0084, pg.5; structural hierarchy ... attributes, relationship information – para 0085, pg. 6); and

generate code for an API (API 112 -para 0091-0093; Fig. 2; *class may be implemented or written in the mediation layer* - para 0095-0096 pg. 7 – Note: using libraries of API 112 to form data source components in terms of wrappers – or infoModel -- for consumers component 122 – see para 0099 – in order for these to access or reference in the development of code Java/bean methods - para 0100-0106 - **reads on** code generated for the mediation layer API to provide data – development objects, metadata; see para 0116 - and OO references for use by consumers classes or INFOBEAN components) enabling development tools to access the development objects to develop the application (para 0096-0109, pg. 9; Fig. 3A; see above).

Kadel does not explicitly disclose instructions to *convert the metamodel to a model description in a second language according to an interchange format*, nor does Kadel explicitly disclose generating intermediate representations *as intermediate objects by parsing the model description*.

Kadel discloses deriving Java objects association with XML constructs or schema (para 0297-0306, pg. 23-25), and implementing wrapper from libraries to implement a mediation API, the API including further implementation (*class may be implemented or written in the mediation layer* - para 0095-0096 pg. 7; Fig. 21-23) as to expose captured relationship metadata or attributes information (see para 0109-0114) such as creating a DSI interface or API (para 0135 pg. 9); e.g. to expose java objects based on metadata relationship information derived for a domain or attributes for a function(see para 0116; Fig. 13; para 0193, 0203, pg. 4; Fig. 14, 36A-B) and conversion of database-related format (para 0305) or Corba mapping (para 0312), the XML being documents explored by a DSI API to help discovery of persisted data such as

domain and components relationship to implement the required data flow between source and consumer within the XIS framework.

Accordingly, Kadel discloses database for assisting the DSI in form of extensible markup *schema* (e.g. para 0288-0304, pg. 24; para 0084-0085, pg. 5) or descriptive language describing said *Domain Policy* attributes or typemetadata, attribute relationship or dependency, or declaration constraints; that is, the meta data representing a application domain such that Java related beans – or intermediate Java objects - exposed by the DSI (see para 0311-0312, pg. 26) in Kadel's XIS framework are represented in this XML schema form, which can, in reverse, be **imported back** into a framework (see Kadel: para 0083, pg. 5; *XML schema ... sends to the receiver ... receiver reconstructs the information* - para 0305, pg. 25) its content exposed by the XML-DSI (para 0318, pg. 26) in relation to the database (Fig. 30) using libraries of APIs defining a common format for data exchange (para 0091, pg. 6). Hence the deriving of Java classes or attributes of a domain persisted as XML as a bi-directional interchange with the corresponding UML is suggested (see Kadel: Fig. 13).

The interchangeability of XML and UML in terms of mapping of UML constructs into XML schema and vice versa was well-known and disclosed in Severin. Following to this concept of Kadel's XML and database inter-changeability, Severin discloses UML constructs (Severin: Fig. 4-8), with use of XML metasyntax and XMI methodology (Severin: *XMI* - para 0184-0185, pg. 15) to represent this extensible meta language in terms of definitions, inter-relationships or constraints (e.g. Severin: zero-to-many, metahints, relationship, constraint, datatype – see para 0139-0148, pg. 11-12) reading a persisted model (para 0508, pg. 41) and re-mapping metamodel data and corresponding UML package constructs (MVC para 0107-0108,

pg. 8; Fig. 32) to derive underlying Java classes or package (para 0196, pg. 16; para 0107-0108, pg. 8). That is, the well-known W3C XMI methodology in terms of data interchange description -- or a second model -- based on a first model (e.g. UML as in Kadel) including model description language to correlate with XML defined elements is evidenced in Severin 's (XML, XMI - para 0184, pg. 15) where rediscovery based on such XMI model description enable remapping into XML elements which are derived for further development; e.g. mapping for developing Java objects or classes, APIs for some domain application.

Based on the UML constructs and derived class objects as taught in Kadel's use of the DSI approach and XML processor (XML stream 3002, XML Processor – Fig. 30) the tight association between meta-information and the deriving of Java objects from XML model and/or Java metadata mapping for format adaptation like Corba based application (see para 0311-0312, pg. 26) as shown in Kadel and the XMI implementation as taught in Severin to enable rediscover content of a XML model, it would have been obvious for one skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement Kadel's XML schema as first metamodel so that a transformation to this model yield a XML-compliant model supported via a XMI (interchange format – i.e. *convert to a second language according to an interchange format*) whereby exposing the UML instance (see Severin) by way of W3C's well-known and *underlying Java objects* as taught above, because this second model would be used to better collect and identify objects (deriving of UML and underlying W3C APIs therefrom – see Kadel: Fig. 13; i.e. *deriving intermediate objects* from that interchange format) exposed from the first model received in a portable schema stream (Kadel: XML - para 0078, pg. 5) format using the W3C methodology

and its useful techniques supporting this XML/model interchangeability as this is also perceived in Kadel, and Severin.

Kadel does not explicitly disclose *using the set of intermediate objects as inputs to derive API code* for enabling access and development objects (see Claim Objections)

The parsing of model being a representation or Java classes or metacomponents using dedicated interfaces or Java APIs as libraries defining a common format for data exchange (para 0091, pg. 6; introspection – para 0188; getValue, SetValue, getID – Fig. 25B; reflection 2775 - Fig. 27B), as evidenced in the XML parsing (Kadel: para 0301, pg. 24) and XIS framework (para 0095, pg. 7; para 0320, pg. 27) by Kadel, wherein Kadel uses Java objects association with XML constructs or schema (para 0297-0306,pg. 23-25), to implement a “Domain Policy” using XIS framework and DSI interface as to expose java objects based on metadata relationship information derived for a domain (see Fig. 13; para 0193, 0203, pg. 4; Fig. 14, 36A-B) or to map database requirement or format mappings needed for Corba APIs (para 0311-0312, pg. 25-26). Analogous to Kadel’s explorer exposing the objects and elements gathered from parsing source components in terms of a GUI view or interactive tree thereof (see para 0184, 0187) the use of the very libraries of dedicated classes or predefined APIs for exposing same or to marshall/un-marshall XML data (see **Severin**: para 0107, pg. 8) is disclosed in well-known W3C DOM/SAX methodology in forms of dedicated Java APIs for marshalling, manipulating (or capturing semantic of) schema objects/elements included in on the parsed model, and this is disclosed in Worden. **Worden** discloses the well-known practice of DOM structure representing a schema with associated APIs (Worden: para 0003-0005, pg. 1) where class-model based APIs calls into the XML to access objects therein (Worden: para 0034, pg. 3; *API which ... accesses or creates -*

para 0045, pg. 4) to get information (Worden: para 0034, pg. 3) similar to introspection taught in Kadel (see Kadel: para 0129-0135 pg. 9); or to reflect XML meaning (Worden: para 0064, pg. 5; para 0175-0177 pg. 10) in which class or Java APIs are tightly associated with the DOM and in return are available for the developers to create code to manipulate objects or semantics inside the XML schema. Based on Kadel's use of GUI hierarchy or tree representation of elements obtained from parsing source components – which is similar to SAX or DOM - and user's inputs so as to provide annotations to hierarchy of a tree view (see Kadel: para 0205, 0305) it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the capturing of XML schema and parsing of model in Kadel XIS development framework, so that intermediate objects (W3C type Java APIs, or introspection/reflection APIs – as set forth above) gathered from or discovered by the process of parsing – as in SAX API or DOM API -- would be inputs for developing editing (e.g. annotation to a tree view), discovery, validating/converting or schema manipulating code (XML marshalling or re-generating APIs as in Severin; or Kadel: resolution 1480 – Fig. 14; Fig. 27, Fig. 30; tree window, JAF commands – 0348-0357, pg. 28) all of which made available in Kadel *for deriving executable classes* – based on pre-defined libraries – that would support the functionality of Kadel's mediating API or mediator 112 (see Fig. 1); because the extensive use of available Java libraries well-known in W3C methodology identified from reading a model within Kadel XIS instance in view of the format interchange and schema – as via W3C DOM API - parsing would be used without having to generate source code from scratch, thus facilitating the developers with a pool of APIs to handle the model or the parsed model in terms of analyzing or persisting representation of the model or schema, discovering its content, or using schema semantics (e.g. using intermediate objects, or API's pluggable as input to introspect the parsed

objects) so as to implement a target application (as shown in Worden) or to further modify a mediator API (Kadel; Fig. 21-23) or to store the model back into its XML interchangeable format as set forth above using Severin's approach.

As per claim 3, Kadel discloses wherein the second language comprises XML (refer to the rationale in claim 1 addressing XMI/XML deriving of Java objects).

As per claim 4, Kadel discloses wherein the first language comprises UML (refer to rationale of using UML/XMI paradigm and APIs from parsing the representation of UML elements as set forth in claim 1).

As per claims 6-7, Kadel discloses wherein the first language comprises a customizable extension (e.g. Fig. 3A; addOneOfNService – Fig. 3B; Fig. 5; 36C-36D; para 0136 pg 9; Fig. 29); wherein the customizable extension is used to implement an additional feature of the API (refer to claim 1 based on addPluginService – Fig. 29).

As per claim 8, Kadel does not explicitly disclose wherein the additional feature comprises an indication of a file border. Kadel discloses API for JPanel package that operates on GUI component in terms of resizing, repainting, reshaping, paint Border, set Bounds, set Opaque (see JComponent, awt.Container, awt.Component - Fig. 33E) hence the identification of Gui file border in order to manipulate its graphic content is disclosed. And it would have been obvious for one skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the java libraries in view of the user manipulation, so that a feature included in the API would include a file border as set forth from the above, because this would help identify the target file upon which *awt* operation or painting methods would be defined.

As per claim 9, Kadel does not explicitly disclose wherein the API comprises a copy and paste operation. Kadel discloses XIS framework enabling editing of commands on GUI componetns, whereby the user can instantiate operation provided by the JAF API (see para 0349-0359, pg. 30; *canPaste()* Fig. 33b; *cut(clipboard)* Fig. 33c). Based on the copy-and-paste nature of the user operations to manipulate metadata attributes pertinent to a source/consumer scenario (see *cut and paste* - para 0335-0344, pg. 29) and to translate the user-customized parameters in a Java code procedure, it would have been obvious for one skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the XIS framework so that metadata and exposed Java classes libraries in view of JAF API (Fig. 33) are combined to support the creation of API type of operation to actually edit the attributes or manipulate exposed meta hierarchy using the standard GUI fabric (e.g. via copy paste functions of GUI components), because this would constitute efficient use of metadata and reusable Java packages whose utilization would be consistent with the extensibility aspect of the XIS framework, the extensive editing role played by user (Fig. 37A-D), and the availability of JAF API as set forth above.

As per claim 10, Kadel discloses a computer-readable storage device storing a computer program product for deriving a metadata API from a metamodel in order to develop an application, the computer program product being operable to cause data processing apparatus to: receive the metamodel in a first language, the metamodel describing a diagram of classes that define one or more development objects, the development objects(refer to claim 1); representing building blocks for developing the application(refer to claim 1), wherein the first language comprises unified modeling language (UML - see Fig. 8, 11);

convert the metamodel to a model description that describes the metamodel in a second language according to an interchange format (refer to rationale in claim 1; i.e. regarding XMI using W3c methodology for porting XML meta-information into models and retrieving metadata/objects from UML models) wherein the second language comprises XML;

generate a set of intermediate objects to represent the classes of the metamodel by parsing the model description (refer to rationale in claim 1); and

generate code using the set of intermediate objects as inputs to derive an API (refer to rationale in claim 1; see Claim Objections) including an XML schema (XML streams - para 0078, pg. 5; para 0047, pg. 2; Fig. 30; para 0320 - Note: mediator API built upon parsed element of XML stream or XSD run through the XML DSI - see para 0135; para 0318; Fig. 30) that enables implementation of the development objects, and further wherein the API enables development tools to access the development objects to develop the application (refer to rationale in claim 1).

As per claim 12, refer to the rationale in claim 1 and 10 for the XMI/XML limitation.

As per claim 14, Kadel discloses wherein the set of intermediate objects comprises Java objects (refer to claim 10).

As per claim 15, Kadel discloses (by virtue of XMI, domain schema and XML derivation from XMI, as set forth in claim 10), wherein the XML schema includes a tree based on aggregation relationships in the metamodel (Note: schema derived from original UML reads on tree based on aggregation in the metamodel, itself formulated as UML building blocks modeling language)

As per claims 16-17, Kadel does not explicitly disclose wherein the XML schema includes a reference based on an association relationship in the first model, and wherein the XML schema includes a complex type extension based on an inheritance relationship in the first model. UML as shown in Kadel includes association relationship and inheritance relationship (Fig. 3B; para 0080, pg. 5 para 0198-0200, pg. 15) when exposing meta-attributes related to the source/consumer model and data dependency flow. Based on Severin meta integration requiring mapping of complex association with need for new type creation (complex , new type - para 0086, 6; para 0186) among UML type hierarchies, it would have been obvious for one skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the XML schema intended to be reused in a XIS framework so that reference to association relationship to a UML and complex type extension are also represented in order to address the type extension and association needed within defined UML hierarchy, as by the mapping and integration (as in Severin) wherein integrating the schema would need to address complex processes requiring extension into new complex types.

As per claim 18, Kadel discloses a computer-readable storage device storing a computer program product for deriving metadata API from a metamodel in order to develop an application, the computer program product being operable to cause data processing apparatus to:

receive the metamodel describing a diagram of classes that define the one or more development objects, the development objects representing building blocks for developing the application (refer to claim 1);

generate an XMI model (refer to rationale in claim 1) that is a representation of the metamodel according to an interchange format;

generate a set of intermediate objects to represent the classes of the metamodel by parsing the XMI model using an XML parser (refer to the generating of Java objects from viewing a DOM tree as set forth in the SAX/DOM approach as set forth in the corresponding rationale of claim 1)

generate code using the set of intermediate objects as inputs to derive an API enabling development tools to access the development objects to develop the application (see rationale of claim 1; see Claim Objections).

As per claim 23, Kadel (by virtue of Severin) discloses wherein the metamodel is stored one storage module (schematized structures -- representing a UML model, imported into a XIS framework – see Kadel: para 0083 pg. 5- reads on UML first model document being stored in a file system of a framework or integration memory)

As per claim 24, refer to claim 23.

As per claims 25-26, Kadel discloses wherein the set of intermediate objects comprises Java objects (refer to claim 14).

5. Claims 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kadel et al, USPubN: 2002/0184401, and Severin, USPubN: 2005/0005251, and Worden, USPubN: 2003/0149934; further in view of Hejlsberg et al, USPN: 6,920,461 (hereinafter Hejlsberg)

As per claims 20-21, Kadel discloses operations to include creating a new development object as a transient object without an existing corresponding file (.g. para 0312 pg. 26 – Note: creating of template then use it for adding/deleting Fig. 29-31; Fig. 33 – reads on transient object without a persistent file); but does not explicitly disclose modifying *the transient object until the*

transient object is committed to a persistent file; and to destroy the transient object if a delete command is requested before the transient object is committed to a persistent file.

Kadel discloses code implemented to match SQL queries using XML elements to instantiate application to interface with database (para 0300-0310, pg. 25) where code to implement requires pluggable service and attribute conversion using JAF collaboration of classes with editing capabilities (Fig. 29-31; Fig. 33) wherein user's deleting, adding of data is effectuated via a template usage (para 0312 pg. 26) all of which data being temporary until determination to commit such implementation, the use of Java interfaces that expose content of a parsed model which is also taught in Worden's API (refer to claim 1). Hejlsberg discloses a development application interface (analogous to Kadel) operating on layers or namespaces that expose class libraries or enumeration of related data structures or code constructs or tables (see Hejlsberg: col. 6; Fig. 2). Accordingly, Hejlsberg discloses application code instantiation from the libraries of reuse classes or OO packages (e.g. C++, Jscript, Microsoft ".NET" APIs) including UI objects with procedures to save a view, to customize drawing or drag-drop (col. 7, lines 48-62; col 8 lines 22-50) and a SQL namespace to interface with a database (col. 8 line 50 to col 9 line 11) including procedures to validate proper constructs, for implementing operations as to commit, dispose, rollback, save, accept/reject changes, cancel Edit (RejectChanges, acceptChanges – col 55; commit, delete, rollback – col. 57; CancelEdit col. 64; Delete, AcceptChanges – col. 65; Dispose, Finalize – col. 289; Commit, Dispose, Rollback, Save - col. 326). Based on methods based on reuse libraries to implement API in terms of constraints as in Severin and Kadel and the intended framework enabling users to decide whether how to add/remove or commit template/transient data/objects, it would have been obvious for one skill

in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the code or APIs based on core libraries as practiced in both Kadel and Hejlsberg, such that a transient object in the process of validating data, information, and implementation details as taught in Kadel's user-driven customization approach (e.g. using template) would be supported by capability to create APIs with methods to destroy a transient object or to commit it to a persistent form, as taught in Hejlsberg from above. One would be motivated to do this (i.e. create APIs by the user to destroy a transient object if it is not made for persistence committing) because that way the created APIs would enable changes caused by a customization view in Kadel's approach to detect errors prior to commit, and allowing removal of undesired implementation gathering of data, whereby obviate potential runtime errors should actual translation of uncorrected constructs become finalized.

As per claim 22, Kadel does not explicitly disclose instructions to mark the persistent file as deleted if a delete command is requested after the transient object is committed to a persistent file. Based on Hejlsberg's DB-related method to indicate that change data is not accepted or that a transient form of changes is committed, or to rollback otherwise (e.g. RejectChanges, acceptChanges – col 55; commit, delete, rollback – col. 57), the notion of keeping a change with persisting of a accepted version along with removing an older version is suggested. Hence, this method as to mark an older file/record as deleted after a persisting operation has been completed (by creating a new file) would have been obvious in view of the requirement to reconcile persisted data (e.g. DB records, not keeping two records with same identification) rationale as set forth above.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 4/04/11 have been fully considered but they are non-persuasive and/or moot in light of the readjusted grounds of rejection which have been necessitated by the Amendments.

(A) Applicants have submitted that as amended claim 1 includes "using the set of intermediate objects as inputs ... to derive an API ... enabling development tools to access ... to develop the application", which is not disclosed in Kadel as alleged by the Office Action (Applicant's Remarks pg. 9). The argument would be deemed largely moot in view of the adjustment to the rejection in response to a added language.

(B) Applicants have submitted communication between source component and consumer component in Kadel amounts to existing application, not for developing an application (Applicant's Remarks pg. 10 top). First, the API as depicted in the Specifications (pg. 30) regarding the effect of using DOM tree (via SAX-based parser) data as (Java objects 1130) input amounts to a metadata API having proxies, interfaces, state classes, XML marshalling code and an XML schema. The XML schema part of this API (as per the instant Invention) amounts to relationship definition of data related to a view of parent/child type descriptors (pg. 32-33) and this SCHEMA cannot be deemed API generated to **access development objects** (i.e. XML language amounting to descriptive constructs, or meta, declarative information, not API or any application interface with functionality to enable accessing objects). In this light, the API as disclosed is not distinguishing of Kadel's mediator API- a application interface's top level module - having supporting libraries developed by the user (including DSI code), whereby the XML contents are discovered by DSI to expose hierarchy of classes and related method attributes to be used to further implement beans or GUI related operations in the mediation

framework by Kadel, which amounts to developing of an application (e.g. Corba – para 312; database format mapping/converting – para 0305); e.g. employing the XIS's discovery of XML-based attributes and class information to support code instantiation including integration of *HelloWorld.java* (Fig. 21-23) editing operations such as JAF commands (Fig. 37). Second, the 'to derive' act as claimed is not provided with sufficient teachings from the claim in order for one to see how parsing a model via SAX, DOM or XMI one can derive Java objects feeding into forming an API, and this lack of teaching is not seen to be further explained in the Disclosure since the API formed from the intermediate Java objects amounts to mere listing of proxies, interfaces and XML schema. One cannot see how XMI/UML parsing (see Disclosure: Fig. 11) with intermediate objects from a DOM (see Specifications: pg. 30-34) can enable a specific act of "deriving", the deriving resulting in an ensemble of proxies, interfaces, marshalling code and XML schema. Absent proper support for such 'deriving an API' as claimed, this *deriving* (using Java objects from a DOM as INPUTS) will be interpreted as implementing developer's code (library-based APIs) pertinent to a top level module or application interface (e.g. a mediator API) that enables, based on instantiated APIs by the developer -- via using libraries therein -- further manipulation and accessing of a wide variety of objects or data to further development of a target application, as set forth above in Kadel's teachings.

Based on interpretation of 'deriving' and the nature of 'API' built upon DOM and expressed as schema, the language of the claim has been addressed and the argument for solely relying on a new added language is either moot or not persuasive.

(C) Applicants have submitted that Severin and Worden do not compensate for the deficiencies in Kadel based on the language recited as "deriving ... API using the set of

intermediate objects as inputs ...” (Applicant's Remarks pg. 10 bottom). The above allegation fails to point out where exactly the use and/or teachings of Severin and Worden fail to render a particular language non-obvious.

(D) Applicants have submitted that Hejlsberg fails to remedy to Kadel, Severin, and Worden as set forth from above, i.e. in regard to "deriving a metadata API" as newly recited in the claims 1 or 18 (Applicant's Remarks pg. 11). One cannot see non-obviousness when the argument amounts to a allegation that a reference fails to remedy a language without a slightest and explicit showing of facts as to prove that “alleged” point.

The claims stand rejected as set forth in the Office Action.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3735. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4:30PM/Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571)272-3759.

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